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PATENT APPLICATION

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QUICK COUPLER FOR REMOVABLY JOINING TWO PIPES

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#### ABSTRACT

The quick coupler according to the invention comprises a male element  
15 adapted to be fitted in a female element and maintained in this position by a  
latch forming stop and opposing a movement of withdrawal thereof.

A safety member maintains the latch in blocked position, under the action  
of the pressure of the fluid, by the cooperation of two surfaces respectively  
provided on the latch and on the safety member. This safety member releases the  
20 latch when the residual pressure is low.

Such a device is particularly intended for the connection of pipes  
conveying gas under pressure and avoids a premature uncoupling when the  
device is pressurized.